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To ALAFUZOV[1], EGIPKO[11].

The Navy Department proposes to send the following officers on the mine-sweepers being built for us. (See my telegram No. 730 of 23 December 1942[a]).

1. Commander ERDMAN[111] - senior member of the group - torpedo officer [MINER].
2. Lieutenant HATCH[KhATCH] - torpedo officer.
3. Lieutenant ANIKEEV[1v] - torpedo officer (of Russian extraction).
4. Warrant officer [MICHMAN] GREEN - electrician.
5. Two other specialists will be selected and their names will be given later.

On 12th February a meeting was arranged between the commanders of PANTSERNYJ's[v] and MOL's[vi] groups and officers of the Navy Department. The meeting took place in a very friendly atmosphere.

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EGORICHEV[vii]

[Note and Comments overleaf]

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Note: [a] Not available.

Comments: [i] ALAFUZOV : Rear-Admiral V. A. ALAFUZOV.

[ii] EGIPKO : Capt. (1st Rank) EGIPKO was appointed head of OVS (Department of Foreign Relations) on 12th February 1943.

[iii] ERDIAN : See also WASHINGTON's No. 834 of 18th April 1943 (3/NBF/T1274) and No. 1646 of 17th July 1943 (typescript).

[iv] ANIKIEV : Lt. Nicholas Michael ANIKIEV, USN, liaison officer and interpreter. See also WASHINGTON's No. 834 of 18th April 1943 (3/NBF/T1274).

[v] PANTSERNYJ : Capt. (1st Rank) Pavel A. PANTSERNYJ.

[vi] MOL' : Capt. (3rd Rank) Mikhail Nikolaevich MOL'.

[vii] EGORICHEV : Capt. (1st Rank) I. A. EGORICHEV, Soviet Naval Attache in WASHINGTON.

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